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Chief of Base, Salzburg
Chief of Base, Vienna

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[] Request for information on GROSSBAHN's
Contact with Americans

1. On 5 June 1953 [] submitted a brief report on the possible surveillance of GROSSBAHN by the KPOc. The report concluded with the sentence "...it has been reported that GROSSBAHN is working for the American MIS in Salzburg". In turning over the report, [] asked for confirmation of GROSSBAHN's ties with American intelligence.

2. VOB decided to defer a reply to []'s request pending GROSSBAHN's departure for the United States. However, on 7 November a second request was received. It was decided to acknowledge the fact of GROSSBAHN's contact with American intelligence, but to furnish no additional details. Accordingly, [] told [] the following on 25 November: "It has been determined that GROSSBAHN has collaborated from time to time, in an American office in Salzburg." [] merely remarked: "Well, it's been obvious that he has been under American protection." He did not press for further information.

3. A translation of []'s original request is attached. This was discussed with [] during his visit to VOB early in August.

Attachment:
Translation of [] orig. request (RW)

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Note for GROSSBAHN File

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re: [] s request for info on GROSSBAHN's contact with the Americans.

On 5 June 53 [] submitted a brief report on the possible surveillance of GROSSBAHN by the KPOs. It concluded with remark that GB reported working for American MIS in Salz. [] asked for confirmation GB's ties with Ami IS. No reply given, but 7th Nov. he asked again. Reply given that GB had collaborated from time to time with an Ami office Salz.

The [] report had stated that at the end of March 53 GB noticed a man hiding in bushes opposite his apt. and watching entry-way. Police arrested man who turned out to be Rudolph HAWELKA, born 30 July 26. He member of CP. Suspected he had been assigned watch GB.

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